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Date of Purchase					
1908					
June	1	2	U. S. Steel Corporation Sinking Fund Gold		
			5% Bonds	98½	\$1,970.00
October	19	2	U. S. Steel Corporation Sinking Fund Gold		
			5% Bonds	102½	2,000.00
November	5	1½	U. S. Steel Corporation Sinking Fund Gold		
			5% Bonds	101	1,500.00
1910					
July	27	1½	U. S. Steel Corporation Sinking Fund Gold		
			5% Bonds	102½	1,500.00
1913					
December	8	1	U. S. Steel Corporation Sinking Fund Gold		
			5% Bond	99½	991.25
1919					
May	7		U. S. Victory Loan 4¾ %.....		700.00
1920					
January	15		Cash on hand, United States Trust Co.....		600.59
					<u>\$9,261.84</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

1919				
May	1	Int. U. S. Steel Bonds.....	\$	200.00
November	1	Int. U. S. Steel Bonds.....		200.00
December	15	Int. Victory Loan		18.97
				<u>\$ 418.97</u>
Disbursements				
1919				
June	28	C. B. Roden, treasurer.....	\$	200.00
December	24	C. B. Roden, treasurer.....		218.97
				<u>\$ 418.97</u>

A. L. A. PUBLISHING BOARD
REPORT FOR 1919-1920

Morituri Salutamus!—The Publishing Board reports this year as a moribund body, for the Association is to have a new Constitution, and the one feature of it which seems to have met with unanimous consent, or at any rate to which no voice has been raised in objection, is the omission of this Board from the future operations of the Association. The members of the Board, creatures of the Association and obedient to its will, certainly have no intention of interposing an objection.

And yet we feel that, after our demise, it will be found necessary to revive us in some form and under some title. Our experience indicates strongly that the publishing activities of this Association must be in charge of a committee of librarians representing various points of view. So far as those activities relate to publishing purely as a business, they can safely be entrusted to the hands of an expert publisher. But it should not be forgotten that they are not undertaken for profit. It is probably not too much to say that all books so likely to prove financially profit-

able that publishers are willing to issue them on a business basis, should be so issued. This Association should confine itself to the issue of such material, useful to libraries and librarians, as cannot be printed at a profit, using for the purpose its present endowment fund, supplemented by additional funds to whatever extent it may be possible to raise them. The selection of this material can be done intelligently only by librarians.

It seems impossible that our Executive Board, charged with all the business of the Association, can do also this special work, and some form of committee seems the only alternative.

As requested by the Executive Board, the Publishing Board has had a survey of its activities made by an expert familiar with the publishing business, selecting for the purpose Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, vice-president of the R. R. Bowker Company, New York. His report, which is in our hands, will be transmitted to the Executive Board with our recommendations as soon as we have had an opportunity to consider it at a meeting. It may be said here, however, that Mr. Melcher's view of the necessity of a committee of librarians is substantially that outlined above.

New Publications—Only a few new publications have appeared during the past year. Among them are the following:

"Viewpoints in travel," by Josephine A. Rathbone, an arrangement of some 400 books according to their essential interests.

"The Booklist books of 1919"—a selection of about 350 of the most popular titles and books most appropriate for small libraries that have been listed in The Booklist during 1919.

"Some principles of business-like conduct in libraries" (A. L. A. Handbook No. 11), by Arthur E. Bostwick. The handbook is an endeavor to answer the questions, "What is a business-like way of doing things?" "How does it differ from an unbusiness-like way?" "Are there any underlying principles?"

"A library efficiency test," a list of questions compiled and arranged by Julia A. Robinson. It is suggested as a method by which a library board may be able to examine its library and reach some conclusion as to whether it is paying sufficient dividends upon the investment made. Its distribution will probably be chiefly to the smaller libraries through the state library commissions.

Mr. Vitz has revised his chapter of the Manual on "Loan Work" and Dr. Bostwick his on "Library Administration."

The Board reprinted from N. E. A. Proceedings C. C. Certain's report on "Standard library organization and equipment for secondary schools of different sizes." The edition is exhausted and the A. L. A. Committee on Education is making arrangements for another printing, with a few minor corrections and changes by the author. A part of the edition will be distributed free and a part placed on sale.

Stearns' "Essentials in library administration," which is undergoing revision by Ethel F. McCollough, as reported last year, is not yet in print. It is confidently expected that it will soon be ready and can be printed during the summer.

Katherine Tappert is preparing "Viewpoints in biography," to form a companion in the series of which Miss Rathbone's "Viewpoints in travel" was the first number. Others in this series are in prospect.

Several Manual chapters are being revised, as, for example, Dr. Richardson's chapter on "Reference work," Mr. Walter's on "Library printing," and Miss Plummer's on "Training for librarianship," which Mr. Walter has consented to revise.

"A. L. A. Catalog Rules" (1,000 copies) was reprinted during the year.

After-War Reading Courses—The present situation is explained by a letter to Mr. Wheeler from the U. S. Bureau of Education, dated April 7th, which states that five of the courses ("Heroes of American Democracy," "The Call of Blue Waters," "Shipbuilding," "Iron and Steel," and "Machine Shop Work"), after having been

edited and delivered to the Department of the Interior for delivery to the Government Printing Office, were returned to the Bureau, with the notification that the printing funds were more than exhausted. These particular courses were prepared as a result of several conferences between members of the American Library Association and of the Bureau of Education and were turned over, complete with cover designs and photographs, during the first few days in January, with the understanding that they were to be printed immediately, and that funds at that particular time were available for them. Mr. Wheeler says in addition:

"Considerable work has been done on the reading courses on 'South America,' 'Chemistry,' 'Foreign Trade,' 'Business Books for Beginners,' 'Bookkeeping and Accounting,' and cover designs are ready for those on 'Business,' 'Foreign Trade,' and 'South America.'"

"The only list actually published is that on 'France,' which was not published in the form in which it was turned over by me to the Bureau, and contains several errors made in the editing at the Bureau."

"I have now been working at these courses for eighteen months, having changed the methods, the type of material, and the form of the courses, according to changing decisions on the part of the Bureau, on three or four occasions, and I regret to say that I do not get enough assurance of a continued policy or provision for these reading courses on the part of the Bureau to warrant asking either me or the Library Association to attempt further co-operation with the Bureau, or to expect the Bureau to publish these lists within a reasonable time, in accordance with the plans of the American Library Association. I have already reported the fact that these changes in policy and shortage of funds have been announced to me, on each occasion, only after much work had been performed, rather than before."

"The Enlarged Program Workers are undertaking the publication of some reading courses through newspaper channels,

which in some respects parallel in work that I originated and have undertaken. For this reason, I have turned over to Mr. Milam's office certain manuscripts and book lists for their use."

"It is my suggestion that all the material which I have on hand be turned over to the Enlarged Program staff, to be incorporated in whatever reading courses they may be able to issue at this time through newspaper channels or in other ways. Previous experience made it clear that, instead of proceeding with a large number of lists, as originally planned, it would be safer to take up a small number at a time and be sure that they were published as agreed upon. Even this, however, has proved impossible. Much as I regret it, therefore, and for reasons which I do not feel responsible for, I recommend that I be relieved of this entire project and that the director of the Enlarged Program be asked to take this over to utilize as he may see fit."

Action on Mr. Wheeler's recommendation will be taken at the Colorado Springs meeting of the Board.

The Booklist—Total subscriptions to The Booklist now are as follows: Retail subscriptions to commissions, libraries, and individuals at \$1.50, 4,116; sent to library members and affiliated state associations as part of their membership perquisites, 579; free list, 118; total, 4,813 (as against 4,980 reported last year. The discontinuance of bulk subscriptions has caused a decrease in subscriptions placed by commissions, but the subscriptions from libraries have considerably increased). A statement from the editor, Miss May Massee, is appended.

ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK,
Chairman.

THE BOOKLIST

The Booklist has continued with little apparent change, except that we have not been able to realize our hope of a return to our old schedule, which permitted publication on a definite day each month. Every strike and storm which delayed

either printing or transportation, delayed the delivery of books and, unfortunately, we can't "make bricks without straw."

This makes the help given by various libraries more essential than ever, and special thanks are due to librarians who have carefully and faithfully checked the tentative list and sent book notes in spite of depleted staffs and the difficulty of seeing new books immediately upon publication.

When the editor was in New York this winter she asked every publisher she interviewed what he would think of The Booklist if it took book advertising. In every case the answer was immediate, ranging from "The list wouldn't be worth a whoop," "Oh, horrible, of course you wouldn't do it!" to such a mild expression as "But it would ruin your list." This seems to make it clear that The Booklist should never take book advertising and that it should not be printed in a magazine which takes book advertising. We must carefully guard our unique position as an unprejudiced review.

For "The Booklist of 1919: a Selection," we used practically the same procedure as for The Booklist. A tentative list was sent to librarians and the returned votes largely determined the selection. About one thousand were ordered upon publication; it is too early to give the final sales. We hope next year to have it ready by the first of March and that it will be sold by libraries to their readers. It is, of course, as suggestive to the public as it is to librarians.

One library is selling The Booklist to its readers. We would like to urge the recommendation of The Booklist through the selling of single copies and through its use on the periodical table with other magazines.

Booklist paper is now quoted at eighteen and one-half cents a pound, more than double the cost when the paper was adopted.

It has been suggested that we adopt a colored cover. This would add about seven hundred and fifty dollars a year to the present cost.

We hope to issue this summer a short

graded list of children's books made under the joint editorship of The Booklist editor and Miss Mabel Williams, who has charge of the New York Public Library work with schools. We plan to include about six hundred titles in four sections: Easy books to primers—Second to fourth grade—Fifth to seventh grade—Eighth to Tenth grade. This includes the junior high school grades. We shall probably include also a teachers' list of books about children. Suggestions will be welcomed.

We need a good short High School list which includes, besides books helpful for study, the delightful books high school boys and girls want and do not generally find in school libraries.

These two lists, with the "Buying List of Books for Small Libraries," issued as a New York State Library bulletin, and distributed by the American Library Association, cover the first needs of many libraries. Cards of these should be on file in The Booklist office. We should add to them constantly, so that revision would be more or less automatic and regular.

Twelve libraries have promised help for a French list of new books, to be printed from time to time in The Booklist. This list, long hoped for, has not materialized but we believe it will before the next year, as the distributors are planning to send us review copies from their office in New York.

We need a good Spanish list and a good Italian list. Suggestions for any of these will be welcomed.

In conclusion, we would urge upon all librarians the necessity of talking about The Booklist at library institutes, teachers' institutes, women's clubs and meetings of like character. Every subscription helps to spread the influence of the American Library Association in the selection of good books. Again we wish to thank each and every librarian who has given aid and comfort this year either with notes, suggestions or subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted,

MAY MASSEE,

Editor.

A. L. A. PUBLISHING BOARD—FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash Receipts May 1, 1919, to April 30, 1920

Balance, May 1, 1919.....	\$ 4,779.73	
Interest on Carnegie Fund.....	(Dec., 1919—\$2,500.00)	
	(Apr., 1920— 2,000.00)	4,500.00
Receipts from publications.....	14,032.57	
Refund on vouchers Nos. 2540, 2591.....	175.00	
Interest on bank deposits.....	60.37	\$23,547.67

Payments May 1, 1919, to April 30, 1920

Cost of publications:

A. L. A. Catalog Rules (reprinted).....	\$ 408.00	
A. L. A. List of subject headings, insurance on plates and storage on 500 copies.....	16.60	
A. L. A. Bookbinding Committee, lettering on library books	48.50	
After-war reading lists, cover designs for.....	78.50	
Booklist	3,146.77	
Booklist books, 1919. A selection.....	341.99	
Library efficiency test, A questionnaire.....	126.50	
Manual of library economy: Chaps. 12 and 21, (revised), (including storage on plates).....	301.83	
Periodicals for the small library (holding type for six months)	13.50	
Reading lists:		
Books about America for new Americans.....	28.80	
Foreign people in the United States.....	9.50	
League of Nations.....	4.40	
President's Fourteen peace points.....	20.74	
Reprints, Proceedings 1919:		
A. L. A. at the crossroads.....	17.00	
Some present-day aspects in library training.....	20.00	
Viewpoints in travel.....	779.02	\$5,361.65

SALES OF A. L. A. PUBLISHING BOARD PUBLICATIONS

April 1, 1919, to March 31, 1920

The Booklist:

Subscriptions	\$6,174.00	
Extra copies	310.35	\$ 6,484.35
Handbook 5, Binding for libraries.....	254	33.88
Handbook 6, Mending and repair of books (out of print)...	165	23.34
Handbook 7, U. S. Government documents in small libraries	188	26.46
Handbook 8, How to choose editions.....	37	5.33
Handbook 9, Normal library budget.....	101	14.31
Handbook 10, Manual for institution libraries.....	21	5.03
		108.35
Tract 2, How to start a library.....	90	3.25
Tract 4, Library rooms and buildings.....	16	1.53
Tract 5, Notes from the art section.....	16	.80
Tract 8, A village library.....	27	1.35
Tract 9, Library school training.....	9	.45
Tract 10, Why do we need a public library.....	150	5.96
		13.34
Foreign lists, French.....	30	7.01
Foreign lists, French fiction.....	18	.89
Foreign lists, French literature, recent.....	137	27.46
Foreign lists, German.....	10	4.65
Foreign lists, Hungarian.....	11	1.62
Foreign lists, Polish.....	8	1.92

Foreign lists, Russian.....	7	3.20	
Foreign lists, Swedish.....	7	1.67	48.42
Reprints, Bostwick, Popularizing music through the library..	87	14.47	
Reprints, Bostwick, Public library and public school.....	12	1.15	
Reprints, Inspirational influence of books in the life of children	19	.95	
Reprints, Library statistics.....	21	1.20	
Reprints, Making maps available.....	32	1.56	
Reprints, N. E. A.—Standard foundation for rural school library (out of print).....	1	.10	
Reprints, N. E. A.—Standard library organization and equipment for secondary schools.....	344	71.71	
Reprints, Some recent features in library architecture.....	24	1.13	
Reprints, Reading lists:			
Books about America for new Americans.....	13,725	130.50	
Foreign people in the United States.....	11,625	98.90	
League of nations	7,600	77.15	
President's Fourteen peace points.....	33,250	288.50	687.32
Periodical cards, subscriptions (discontinued).....		308.10	
Warner's Library of the world's best literature, (cards for) (out of print).....	24 sets	184.80	492.90
League publications:			
Aids in library work with foreigners.....	39	5.86	
Directions for librarian of a small library.....	132	12.35	
League Handbook, 1916	22	10.70	28.91
A. L. A. Manual of library economy, chapters as follows:			
1, American library history.....	46	4.03	
2, Library of Congress.....	37	3.53	
3, The state library.....	81	4.95	

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4, College and university library.....	41	3.95	
5, Proprietary and subscription libraries.....	83	5.01	
6, The free public library.....	96	6.27	
7, The high school library.....	262	16.57	
8, Special libraries	42	3.90	
10, The library building (revised edition).....	85	8.11	
11, Furniture, fixtures and equipment.....	104	7.06	
12, Library administration (revised edition).....	45	2.89	
13, Training for librarianship.....	125	9.27	
14, Library service	97	6.37	
15, Branch libraries	112	7.72	
16, Book selection	320	21.61	
17, Order and accession department.....	193	13.50	
18, Classification	143	12.52	
20, Shelf department	74	5.61	
21, Loan work (revised edition)	269	14.48	
22, Reference department (out of print)	48	4.09	
23, Government documents (state and city).....	144	9.41	
24, Bibliography	120	8.50	
25, Pamphlets and minor library material.....	99	8.10	
27, Commissions, state aid, etc.	54	4.97	
29, Library work with children	90	7.26	
30, Library work with the blind	43	3.92	203.60

A. L. A. Bookbinding Committee:

Care of books in the library	197	18.02	
Lettering on library books	266	24.57	42.59

A. L. A. Catalog, 1904-11	305	434.83	
A. L. A. Index to General Literature	11	61.80	
A. L. A. Index to General Literature, Supplement.....	14	51.00	
Apprentice course for small libraries.....	316	220.91	
Books for boys and girls.....	139	26.46	
Catalog rules	527	285.41	
Cataloging for small libraries.....	293	337.46	
Collection of social survey material.....	47	4.58	
Graded list of stories for reading aloud.....	88	8.78	
Guide to reference books.....	651	1,446.87	
High school list	77	37.35	
Hints to small libraries	45	32.74	
Hospital list	17	5.23	
Index to kindergarten songs	11	13.95	
Index to library reports	11	10.60	
Library buildings	6	.60	
List of economical editions	6	1.46	
List of music and books about music.....	20	4.86	
List of subject headings, 3d edition.....	663	1,545.43	
List of 550 children's books.....	39	5.74	
Lists of material to be obtained free or at small cost.....	171	40.07	
Periodicals for the small library, 3d edition.....	588	76.55	
Scientific management, List of books on.....	13	1.25	
Shakespeare, Brief guide to the literature of.....	13	6.15	
Special indexes in American libraries.....	16	1.56	
Subject headings for catalogs of juvenile books.....	61	84.45	
Subject index to A. L. A. Booklist, v. 1-6.....	17	4.21	
Subject index to A. L. A. Booklist, v. 7.....	14	1.38	
Viewpoints in travel	796	374.93	
Vocational guidance through the library (out of print).....	1	.09	
A. L. A. Bulletin and Proceedings	67	32.90	\$ 5,159.60
			<hr/> \$13,269.38

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE May 25, 1920

To the American Library Association:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Constitution, your Finance Committee submits the following report:

In January the probable income of the Association for 1920 was estimated as \$33,380, and the Executive Board was authorized to make appropriations for this amount. The details of the estimated income were published in the Bulletin for March, 1920, together with the budget adopted by the Executive Board, and are for this reason not given here.

Dr. C. W. Andrews has audited for the committee the accounts of the treasurer and of the secretary as assistant treasurer. He found that the receipts as stated by the treasurer agree with the transfers of the assistant treasurer, with the cash accounts of the latter, and with the statements of transfers in the accounts of the trustees.

The expenditures as stated are accounted for by properly approved vouchers, and the balance shown as that in the Union Trust Company of Chicago agrees with the bank statement of December 31, 1919. The bank balances and petty cash of the assistant treasurer agree with the bank books and petty cash balances. The accounts of the assistant treasurer are correct as cash accounts.

The securities now in the custody of the trustees have been checked for the committee by Mr. Harrison W. Craver, who certifies that their figures are correct. He found that the bonds and other securities amount, at par value, to \$102,500 for the Carnegie fund, and to \$9,261.84 for the endowment fund.

The accounts of the James L. Whitney fund, which are in the hands of the treasurer, have been examined and found to be as stated by him in his annual report.

The firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.